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Item 1 of the provisional agenda

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Annotated provisional agenda

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3. Adoption of the report of the Working Group on its second session.

Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

2. General review of arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations

The Economic and Social Council, in its resolution 1993/80, requested the Working Group to undertake the general review called for by the Council in its decision 1993/214, with a view to updating, if necessary, Council resolution 1296 (XLIV), as well as introducing coherence in the rules governing the participation of non-governmental organizations in international conferences convened by the United Nations.

The Working Group held an organizational session on 17 February 1994, at which it made suggestions on the information that should be provided to it at its first session. At the first session, held from 20 to 23 June 1994, the

Working Group had before it the report of the Secretary-General on a general review of arrangements for consultation with non-governmental organizations (E/AC.70/1994/5). The Working Group gave particular attention to the following: issues arising from experience in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1296 (XLIV); review of the categories of status of non-governmental organizations; consultative arrangements and accreditation to United Nations world conferences; experience gained from the Commission on Sustainable Development; and problems faced by non-governmental organizations under the present arrangements. On the basis of the discussions at the first session, an informal working document was prepared for submission to the Working Group at an informal inter-sessional meeting, held on 7 and 8 November 1994. The Working Group will have before it, at its second session, a further informal working document, prepared on the basis of the discussions at the inter-sessional meeting.

Documentation

Working document for the second session of the open-ended Working Group (E/AC.70/1995/CRP.1)

3. Adoption of the report of the Working Group on its second session

The Council, in its resolution 1994/28, requested the Working Group to submit the report on its second session to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1995. It also invited the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, at its regular session in 1995, to transmit its comments on the report to the Council at that session.